

## Social and Personal

### Egypt Land.

All day, my master Life, I threshed your corn.  
Yet I am hungered, now that night is nigh;  
I prest your grapes, made wine for days unborn,  
And lo! here in the dusk, athirst am I.

Have I not watched your flocks? tended your sheep?  
Now, when the sun is set, I stand alone;  
I pray you bid this wage be mine—to sleep  
Awhile where yonder meadow-flowers are sown.

Down that dim valley, shadowed all so sweet,  
No grinding stone, and no taskmaster's rod  
May find me, nor urge on my lagging feet,  
Only a star above and somewhere—God.

I pray you, Master Life, where winds you stream,  
Methinks there blooms the balm that now I lack;  
Pay me this wage—though nevermore I dream,  
That thither I shall fare, and turn not back.

—Virginia Woodward Cloud, in Harper's.

### OF GENERAL INTEREST TO RICHMOND SOCIETY

#### In the Schools.

At the Woman's College everything was quiet and deserted yesterday; for although classes begin to-day, most of the girls are lingering at their homes for a last taste of holiday joys. Seven of the young ladies, who live in distant States, did not go home for the holidays, but spent a quiet, though pleasant, time at the college.

The various members of the faculty have returned from holiday trips to the country and are ready for work.

Miss M. C. Forbes, assistant principal, has returned from a holiday spent in Buckingham county. Mr. J. M. Hutchinson went to Rockbridge, and Dr. C. M. Baggarly to Rappahannock. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Garnett spent Christmas with Judge Garnett in Mathews county. Mr. Emory Hill divided his time between Charlottesville and Scottsville. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Martin returned last night from Caroline county. Dr. Robert Stewart went to his home in Portsmouth; and Miss Sallie Puryear, in Port Antonio, and Miss Virginia Pettit, in Scottsville. Miss Virginia Pettit, teacher of elocution at the college, spent the Christmas season in her parents' home in Fluvanna county.

At Westminster School, also, classes begin to-day. Most of the teachers and pupils arrived last night, and the remainder will come to-day. Miss Carrie Lee Campbell, principal of the school, has returned from Lexington, where she spent Christmas. Miss Laura Carrington visited in South Boston, Va., during the holidays. Miss Josephine McLeod spent Christmas with her mother in Rockbridge county, and Miss Marion Clarke went to Shirley, Va. Miss Alfred, of South Carolina, who spent the holidays at her home in that State, has returned. Miss Esther Barney will return from Fredericksburg to-day.

All the young ladies of the school spent Christmas at their respective homes, and most have returned ready to take up their work anew.

#### Back to Schools.

The young girls and boys who came home to Richmond for the holidays and have enjoyed themselves and added so much to the enjoyment of others, will go back to their respective institutions of learning this week, greatly to the regret of their friends in Richmond.

Miss Carrie Reynolds leaves for Chestnut Hill, near Philadelphia, this being her closing year at that celebrated school for young ladies. Miss Ella Buck goes back to her school in New York to-day and Miss Anne Keith Royall returns to Chatham Episcopal Institute on Saturday. Other young ladies leaving for distant homes are Miss Josephine McLeod, Miss Louise Clarke and Miss Lora Crump back to Hollins Institute; Miss Grace Perkins and Miss Katherine Gunn to Miss Carrington's school, near Clarksville, Va.; Messrs. Addison Reynolds, Willie Trigg, Charles Watkins, William Crump and Frank Christian to the State University. Mr. R. B. Johnson, Jr., to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Messrs. Croxton Gordon, Gravers Wood, Robert Jeffrey and Ott Drake are also among those returning after the holidays.

The girls and boys have been a much-entertained crowd during the holidays, having danced and enjoyed the pleasures of the season to their hearts' content. A merry party at the Bilton last evening was a closing act in the programme which ends in the next few days.

#### Seminary Holidays.

At Union Theological Seminary the holidays have passed quietly and happily, with family gatherings and Christmas trees in many of the homes, composing its exceedingly pleasant, social circle.

Mrs. Charles Reynolds and three children, who spent the winter at Chase City, Va., were the guests at the Seminary Professor and Mrs. Thomas Cary Johnson for Christmas. Mrs. Reynolds being Mrs. Johnson's sister.

Mr. Hethorne gave a very pretty Christmas entertainment at "Westwood," near the seminary, which was charmingly given by Johnson and proved a most enjoyable affair.

Dr. and Mrs. James Power Smith have closed their residence at the seminary, and for the next two months, will be in the city at Miss Pittzer's, No. 115 East Franklin Street.

#### ENTERTAINMENTS

##### Guessing Authors.

Mrs. W. S. Beasley, of No. 712 East Broad Street, this city, entertained last Friday evening in honor of Miss Justine Cassaday, of Sandarsville, Va., who spent Christmas week as her guest.

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## Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

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## ABSENCE.

By FRANCES ANNE KEMBLE.

Frances Anne Kemble was born in London, Eng., in 1806; died there in 1893. She was the daughter of Charles Kemble, the famous actor, and niece of Mrs. Siddons, the famous actress. She herself became celebrated as a dramatic and Shakespearean reader. In 1834 she married Pierce Butler, a Southern slaveholder, from whom she was divorced in 1859. She wrote poems, plays and a diary, the latter being her best known work.

W HAT shall I do with all the days and hours  
That must be counted ere I see thy face?  
How shall I charm the interval that lowers  
Between this time and that sweet time of grace?

Shall I lie in slumber steep each weary sense,  
Weary with longing?—shall I flee away  
Into past days, and with some fond pretence  
Cheat myself to forget the present day?

Shall love for thee lay on my soul the sin  
Of casting from me God's great gift of time?  
Shall I, these mists of memory locked within,  
Leave and forget life's purposes sublime?

Oh! how or by what means may I contrive  
To bring the hour that brings thee back more near?  
How may I teach my drooping hope to live  
Until that blessed-time, and thou art here?

I'll tell thee: for thy sake I will lay hold  
Of all good aims, and consecrate to thee,  
In worthy deeds, each moment that is told  
While thou, beloved one! art far from me.

For thee I will arouse my thoughts to try  
All heavenward flights, all high and holy strains;  
For thy dear sake I will walk patiently  
Through these long hours, nor call their minutes pains.

I will this dreary blank of absence make  
A noble task-time; and will therein strive  
To follow excellence, and to o'ertake  
More good than I have won since yet I live.

So may this doom-ed time build up in me  
A thousand graces, which shall thus be thine;  
So may my love and longing hallowed be,  
And thy dear thought an influence divine.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

"Guessing Authors," occupied the attention of the company during the earlier part of the evening, first and second prizes being awarded Mrs. W. L. Gordon and Mrs. M. Ashby Jones. After the contest, Miss Cassaday rendered some beautiful musical selections and Miss Blanche Taylor sang most acceptably. Light refreshments were served in dainty fashion.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Bagley, the Rev. and Mrs. M. Ashby Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Blankenship, Dr. and Mrs. Ramon D. Garlin, Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Hord, Mr. Julian Green, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen, Mr. Hoeniger, Mrs. W. L. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Morris.

Holdsworth—Johnson.

Rarely has there been a prettier marriage than the one which took place at Carley M. E. Church, December 26, 1905, at 6:30 P. M., when Miss Pattie, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Johnson, became the bride of Mr. J. Thomas Holdsworth, a prominent young business man of Dendron, Va.

The Rev. J. J. Bradford performed the ceremony. The church was beautifully decorated with holly and evergreens.

After the ceremony the bride and groom, with a number of friends, repaired to the home of the groom, where an elegant supper awaited them.

#### New Year Reception.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Ashby Jones entertained at a delightful New Year reception on New Year's Day from three to six in the afternoon.

A large number of Church Hill people called to wish a happy New Year to the popular pastor and his wife, and for several hours a continuous stream poured in and out of the parsonage of Leigh Street Baptist Church, No. 286 East Franklin Street. It was quite seven o'clock before the pastor and his wife had shaken hands with the last of their New Year visitors.

#### Out-of-Town Society.

The society column of the Washington Post was occupied mainly yesterday with comments on the gorgeous gowning and the general brilliancy of the New Year reception given in Washington by President and Mrs. Roosevelt. In describing the costumes, the Post said:

Mrs. Roosevelt, who looks well in light and dainty colors, wore a gown of light blue chiffon over silk of a lighter shade of blue. There were several rows of full ruffles trailing the bottom of the full skirt, which fell from a deep shirred girdle. There were touches of white lace on the bodice. A few diamond ornaments

The room was transformed into a veritable fairyland and rich green balloons, with garlands of beautifully tinted roses, festooned with clusters of smilax. Long ropes of garlands were caught up from the sides of the walls into a big cluster of green satin ribbon at the center of the ceiling.

The roses were pink, yellow, red and

white, and were caught on long garlands with smilax. The whole effect was that of a large cartwheel, filling the upper part of the hall. Garlands of the roses were hung in graceful loops down the walls by green satin streamers and festooned in long curves along the sides, with the balloons.

#### Postal Tally Cards.

At a charming card party given by Miss Sadie Wilkins, of Portsmouth, Va., on Friday evening last, drawing-room decorations were in holly, mistletoe, red bells and red carnations.

The tally cards were 1906 postals, bearing cupids blowing in the New Year, and the game was scored in tiny brass bells hung to these postals. Mr. Marshall Harwood, of Richmond, was one of Miss Wilkins' guests.

#### House Party.

Mrs. Lucy H. Ashe, of "Asevilla," Gloucester county, entertained a house party of Baltimoreans during the holidays. The members of the party were much interested in the historic places around Yorktown and made extensive drives in that section.

Those in the party were: Miss Carolyn Monroe, Miss Edna A. Browne, Mrs. Grace Manown, Miss Edna A. Beveridge, Mr. Lawrence Ditch, Mr. Louis Schwartz, Mr. Charles Benson, Dr. Cicero Moore, Mr. Winfield E. Beveridge, and Mr. E. R. Beveridge, all of Baltimore.

Mrs. Ashe, who so delightfully entertained the party, is the mother of Mrs. C. H. Hughes, of No. 2015 East Main Street, and is a native of Gloucester county. Another daughter, Miss Lucy Ashe, was married last Wednesday in Washington to Mr. Hunter Catlett, formerly of Gloucester, now of Richmond.

PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

A large meeting of the Central Committee, of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, was held in the rooms of the Historical Society, yesterday at noon, with Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson presiding.

Discussion and order of business related chiefly to Jamestown and the tercentenary celebration. The annual fee of the association will be given from 5 to 7 P. M., to-day, at No. 707 East Franklin Street and members of the Central Committee are requested to come without bonnets and join the officers of the organization in forming the receiving party.

#### Lee Camp Auxiliary.

Lee Camp Auxiliary is called to meet this afternoon, in Lee Camp Hall, at 4 o'clock.

#### Personal Mention.

Mrs. W. Minor Lile, who has been visiting Miss Preston Carson, at "Dundee," has returned with other members of her family to Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas Goodwin have issued invitations to the impending marriage of their sister, Miss Kate Jarrard, to Mr. Elmo Howard Goodwin, which is to take place on next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at their home, No. 607 Fifth Street, Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. Harty White has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ker in Staunton.

Misses Miffam and Phyllis Garcin, nieces of Dr. Ramon D. Garcin, of Church Hill, who spent the holidays with friends at Glen Ridge, N. J., will return to the Woman's College, on Thursday next.

Miss Elsie Trippett left for her home in Portsmouth, Va., after spending the holidays delightfully in Richmond, with Mrs. Ramon D. Garcin.

Mr. S. Smith Lee, son of Captain D. M. Lee, of "Highland Home," in Stafford county, and nephew of the late General Fitzhugh Lee, passed a satisfactory examination for a position in the United States Marine Corps at Washington last month.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Rosebro, who have been visiting Dr. J. W. Rosebro, in Fredericksburg, have returned to the city.

Miss Kate Quinard Wiggins, of Sewanee University, Tenn., will be the guest of Miss Ruth Emory, of Norfolk, the latter part of January.

Mrs. Allen Potts was a guest of the Keswick Hunt Club at their meet on Saturday. After the run a pleasant breakfast was given the club by Mr. and Mrs. David Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn Lyell and their daughter, Miss Patsy Lyell, have returned to their home, "Gwynnoble," on the Westhampton car line.

Miss Margaret Moncre, of the Virginia Hospital, is visiting her parents in Fredericksburg. Miss Moncre has as her guest, Miss Pemberton, also of the Virginia Hospital.

Mr. Marc Bradley, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Bradley, in Staunton, has returned to Richmond College to resume his studies.

Mr. E. C. Mende has returned to Charlottesville after spending several days with his son here.

Mr. Howard Raines, of Danville, who has been in the city taking the examination for first lieutenant in the State militia, has returned home.

Mr. John L. Cabell, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Robert G. Cabell, of No. 150 Grove Avenue, left for New York yesterday.

Misses Mary and Ann Turner and Margaret Manow will return to Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, this morning. They will be accompanied by Miss Lucy Bowen, who has been their guest during the holidays.

Mrs. R. A. Talley and daughter, Miss Virginia Talley, of this city, are the guests of Miss May Brent, in Fredericksburg.

Mr. Archie Monroe, of Fauquier county, has returned to the city to resume his work at the University College of Medicine.

Miss Mary Simpson, has returned to Randolph-Macon Woman's College after spending the holidays with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Adams, of Campbell county, gave a delightful dance Friday evening in honor of Miss Gladys Fantlerio, who is a member of the senior class of Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg. Misses Christine McEae and Margaret Merriweather, also of the college were present.

A delightful German was given by the girls of Danville, at the municipal ball, Friday evening. The affair was under the management of Misses Eliza Hamlin,

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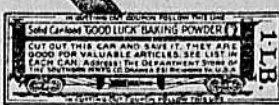
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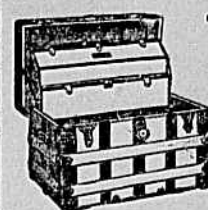
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## FRENZY OF THIS LAWSON GOT HIM THIRTY DAYS

Able-Bodied White Man Begged  
"Because He Was Hungry."

"Did you conduct yourself yesterday as you hope to conduct yourself through each day of 1906?" asked a court attaché of Justice John Ter Crutchfield, in Police Court, yesterday morning, immediately after the One John had wheeled his chair around and taken a squint at the docket.

"My conduct each day is exemplary!" Without a moment's hesitation, the reply came from the lips of the man who presides over the Police Court and hands out doses of digestible and indigestible things to the flocks of erring humanity that are yanked into the lime-light.

"Hee, Hee," chuckled Gibbons, from the bench. "Oh, Wow!" blurted out a policeman, ducking behind a post at the same time. "Sam would jes' roar, if he heard that," solemnly spake a lawyer from the bench.

"Come, cease this levity. The docket is a tedious one and I must dispose of it. Sergeant Talley kindly call George Lawson to the bar that I may find out something about his frozied operations."

Lawson made a kick, turned to the press, but saw no magazine and wheeled on his instep to take a peep at the pen in the corner.

"Did you done it?" asked the One John. "I never did it, Judge," spake Lawson.

"The man he run-a way, when I see him stole me good-a," said the merchant. "I did not it," again put in the man with the financial name.

"I seen him when he done it," put in Ter Crutchfield, the bluecoat who rides around all day on a bicycle.

"Your stock is lowered thirty points, George. To the Shockoe for one month."

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W. J. Parker, a white man for peddling without a license, was fined \$10. He will pay the amount in installments.

Michael Nolan, a strapping white man, who said he came from Petersburg, answered the question as to why he begged by exclaiming, "I was hungry." He went down for thirty days, where they serve table d'hôte only twice a day.

Beulah Holden and Lucinda Parker, two debutantes of '83, went on the war path on the first day in 1906 and were afterwards yanked into the toils by the blue coats. Neither had the fine and both ducked for the case.

David A. Cannon said he was drunk when he chastised his wife and in default of \$10 he went to the space behind barred windows.

Further bills, the young white man, who is charged with feloniously striking George Burch, came from the pen, but his case was continued until the 27th. Burch is yet in the hospital and may never recover from the wound. The difficulty between the men occurred about five weeks ago.

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